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Glad Tidings

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CONTROLS

Price ceilings and wage freezes, subjects hard to separate these days, are manifestations of economic dictation that would have caused the pioneers to gasp. Inflation has done things to the collective pocket-book, leaving us scratching our heads and scraping the bottom of the barrel too often for comfort. To even things off and in order to protect the greatest number of citizens, working men, business men, producers, and everyone else aggregating the great mass known as the consumer, something had to be done. These restrictions will work their best when the people as a whole see their value and submit gracefully to their enforcement. With everybody being willing, everybody will be benefited—so say the economists.

If controls can help the nation's ills, and that not only in the economic stratosphere of Wall Street and all the ramifications of trade and investments, but also in the effect that filters down to John C. Citizen (C is for common) when he counts his change the day before payday, perhaps we can learn that controls can serve a good purpose in other realms of our lives.

The Christian has to live a life of controls of another kind, with ceilings on his selfishness and freezes on his conduct. His conversation and everyday life, if he is to please his Lord, is set to the pattern Jesus taught. His life should be no long-

er centered in himself, but it should be centered in Christ the Lord. He has himself to live with, but *"let him not think of himself more highly than he ought"*—a ceiling on his self esteem. Jesus comes first. The claims of the Lord who died for him have pre-eminence. Controls — there are lots of them: *"In honor preferring one another,"* the second-mile Christian. He answers not when reviled. And *"let not the sun go down on your wrath."* Others can indulge in these practices forbidden to the child of God; they live in the natural realm.

The born-again Christian lives in another sphere, or should, if that something real has happened deep inside his heart. He's a new creature; *"old things are passed away . . . all things are become new"*; his citizenship is in heaven. He's living under a new spiritual economy, prepared to fight the fight of faith. Challenged by the enemy of righteousness and of his soul's salvation, he is restricted to the controls of the kingdom—to *"overcome evil with good"*—to *"walk in the light as He is in the light"*—to *"walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* The Apostle Paul further added, in his instruction to Titus: *"These things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."*—(Titus 3:8).

—M. M.

Our Pinellas Park Home

J. Narver Gortner

An institution that has been of much benefit and blessing to a number of our retired ministers and missionaries, and that promises to be of benefit and blessing to many more in the future if our Lord tarries is our home here in Pinellas Park, Florida. This property was originally built to accommodate the tourist trade - thousands of tourists coming to Florida each winter to escape the cold weather. It was purchased and dedicated a little more than two years ago and is being operated and managed by our Home Missions Department, of which brother Fred Volger is the head. Mrs. Carl Holifield is our matron, and she and her husband do their utmost to make us all comfortable and happy.

My wife and I came here last November expecting to spend the winter months here in Florida. The food here is excellent and we are provided with an abundance of it and are thankful to God for the gracious provision He has made for the supply of our bodily needs. The spiritual atmosphere of the home is good. Each morning, immediately after breakfast, a portion of the Word is read, requests for prayer are received and there is a period

of devotion. Occasionally the power of God falls in a very signal manner and there is a message in tongues with interpretation. Each evening we meet in the living room at 6:30. Songs are sung, the Word is read, comments are made on it, requests are received for prayer and there is a prolonged season of worship. Our brethren at headquarters, our pastors and evangelists, and all of our missionaries are remembered at the throne of grace, many of them by name.

At the Christmas season we all met in the living room on Saturday evening, December 23. A beautiful Christmas tree had been erected and electrically decorated. Underneath the tree was a pile of packages, having been sent by individuals and groups from all over the country. Many thanks to our many friends who made the occasion a very joyous one. God bless you all.

Since our coming here the Lord has called one of our number Home to be with Himself. Brother William Coxe, one of our veteran ministers, who had been here for several months, passed away on the evening of December 6th while we were engaged in prayer in the living

room. He was a man who loved the Lord and has gone to be with God.

We shall meet again in glory when the storms of life are o'er,
And repeat the grand old story on the bright and blissful shore.
We shall greet again our brother, freed from trials and toils and pain,
And rejoice with one another in the Lamb for sinners slain.

Here he gave his life to winning souls for Him he loved so well,
Rescuing their lives from sinning, snatching them from death and hell.
There he'll dwell through ceaseless ages in an atmosphere of peace,
Where no storm nor conflict rages and all jangling discords cease.

Visitors from different parts of the country who happen to be in Florida quite frequently visit us. Recently a good brother and his wife, who had come down from Pennsylvania, saw a need that they felt moved to supply, and they purchased thirty-seven pairs of new curtains and six innerspring mattresses and left them as a token of their interest in our retired ministers and missionaries. God bless them and reward them abundantly.

One of the needs of this home is a central heating system. Climatic conditions here are supposed to be quite ideal, but occasionally a cold blast sweeps down from the extreme north and spills over into Florida. At such times the mercury hovers perilously near the freezing point. Our private rooms are heated with small electric heaters and the heat provided at such times is quite inadequate. Some day God will move somebody to provide the needed funds to furnish the home with an adequate heating system. This is something about which our people might well pray.

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The Mission of the Church

by Kenneth M. Haystead

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." —Mark 16:15.

Why are we a church? Are we only a group gathered together to get ourselves blessed? Or do we have in our hearts a real motive and a real vision? A Pentecostal church cannot fulfill its destiny until it is a church of vibrant vision. These words were never truer than they are today: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

We talk about Jesus' coming to die, about Jesus' coming to suffer, about Jesus' coming to heal the sick. But there are two primary things that the Scriptures speak about Jesus' coming to do. There are two great things that characterized the life of our Lord.

First: He came to do the will of God. "Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God." (Heb. 10:7). He was motivated by one great purpose—the will of the Father. All the other things were only objective. As the will of God meant Gethsemane to Him, He went to Gethsemane. As the will of God meant Calvary, He followed to Calvary. That was His life. That was the thing that motivated Him. That was the thing that gave Him power. As it impelled Him, it should move our lives. Every Christian has a definite responsibility to the will of God.

Second: The Scripture says, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Those two consuming, burning passions—one hand on God and the other hand on man—were what characterized Jesus. Unless we are living likewise, we are not fulfilling our destiny as true Christian believers. How often we sing: "Be like Jesus, this my song, In the home and in the throng; Be like Jesus all day long, I would be like Jesus." We can never be like Jesus until, first of all, we have His devotion to the will of God. Furthermore, we can never be like Christ until we have His devotion for the souls of men. There was the driving impetus that moved the Master on and on—the will of God and the souls of men. It was because of that that He bridged the gap between heaven and earth, touching the Father with one hand and holding man in the other.

Jesus' work came to its completion on earth. He finished the will of God for Him and he left to us this great commission. The words of the text were not given primarily to the ministry. They were given to the disciples at large. If you term yourself a disciple of Christ, you must accept the responsibilities of this great commission. Unfortunately those who are missionary-minded have said too often to the man in the pew, "If you can't go,

you can send someone else in your place." So, instead of doing what God intended for him to do, he just gives in the missionary offering and feels that he has fulfilled his obligation to the Great Commission. What a tragedy! Don't misunderstand me, I am not against missions. But the commission of the Master is not to send; it is to go.

The commission of the Master is a commission of simultaneous preaching. Most definitely do the uttermost parts of the world need the gospel; but so also do they who live with you, work with you, those who are acquainted with you. You are to fulfill the ministry of the gospel not only in the uttermost parts of the world, but also in your own circle. If you are not, you are failing your Master and losing something in your own spiritual life.

This is possibly the answer to most of our spiritual problems. I have never seen a consistent soul winner, with a passion for souls, lose out with God. We consider preachers to be soul winners. That is not completely true. One thing that I have learned is that everyone who gets saved *when* I preach does not get saved *because* I preach. The credit is not mine. The man who comes to the altar comes more because someone prayed for him and helped him and witnessed to him of Christ—perhaps as far back as his childhood. What I have said from the pulpit merely has tipped the balance in God's favor.

Show me the individual who has a passion for souls and I will show you one who is a consistent follower of Christ. Some wonder why they have such a difficult time holding their spiritual footing.



KENNETH M. HAYSTEAD

Now in full-time service to the District
as District Superintendent

Maybe this is the reason for the trouble.

The church is not a refrigeration plant to keep a few saints from spoiling. It is a workshop from whence men and women, empowered by the indwelling Spirit, go forth to witness of the grace of God to dying men. We have a responsibility and that responsibility is to be soul winners.

TWO EMPTY SHIPS

Two empty ships were standing beside the lake one day,

When Christ the blessed Master had chance to pass that way.

The people pressed upon Him, His precious words to hear;

So from the ship He taught them the things they held most dear.

The one He chose to enter was Simon's ship, by name,

That poor discouraged fisherman not one lone fish could claim.

The long, long night of labor, with nothing as reward,

How useless to be fishing when He was not aboard.

But they were not forgotten; the Lord was not asleep,

And so He gave commandment, "Launch out into the deep."

"Let down your nets," He ordered. They lowered them with care,

Lo, He was like a magnet, drew fish from everywhere.

So, like a great revival, into the net they came,

Fish of all description, of every sort and name;

The net was nearly breaking, and what were they to do?

So Simon called his brother, "There's fish enough for two."

And now they work together, those ships filled to the brim,

Oh, what a draught of fishes, just all because of Him.

The many, many churches, like ships upon the sea,

Should have but one objective, whate'er their names might be.

To rescue poor lost sinners from out the depths of sin,

The net we call the Gospel will surely bring them in;

How well to work together, these churches great and small,

No reason to be jealous, there's fish enough for all.

One requisite, my brother, required by God's own Word,

To be successful fishermen we must have Him on board.

The good old ship of Zion will some day anchor cast;

We'll all be one up yonder, when we are home at last.

Lilly Buffum.

Rivers of Power

Evangelist D. Mark Buntain of Canada

"In the last day that great day of the feast Jesus stood and cried, saying, if any man thirst, let Him come unto me and drink."

This was one of the three prime Jewish festivals at which every male Jew was supposed to attend. This was the feast of the tabernacles, the great time when the Jewish people celebrated the harvest season. They had gathered from off their farms, some having traveled very long distances to appear in Jerusalem for this one joyous occasion. During the intervening years of their history, the priesthood had lost out with God, and now, instead of the wonderful presence of the glory of God flooding their souls, they are leaving the city and returning to their homes disappointed, for they have not received the spiritual refreshing that they had come seeking.

Jesus was apparently standing outside the temple while the thronging mob is passing toward the city gates, He recognizes in their hearts the yearning for reality and satisfaction, and standing in their midst He cries these wonderful words of our text "if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." You have often heard it said that history repeats itself, and surely once again the world is filled with men and women, just like these Jews of old, who have heard the stories told about the mighty visitations of the power of God and yet they themselves have never experienced His presence in their hearts. Their Old Testament record had told of the times when the power of God was so manifest in the midst of their fathers that literal fire appeared upon the altars, and the glory of the Lord so filled the temple that the priests were unable to minister. Where was this glory now? Where was this visible manifestation of the presence of God? Here He stood in all of His authority, Jesus Christ the Son of God. The one who could rightfully say, "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here." What these hungry hearts were looking for in their day is what the world is searching for today, and the answer is just as clear now as it was on that great occasion. Christ alone can satisfy every longing of our souls.

So much in the religious world has been written and spoken concerning power with God that so many times hungry-hearted people are left bewildered and confused as to what is the proper methods by which to receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit. But here in one simple verse Christ Himself gives us the one glorious recipe that truly unfolds the secret of receiving His mighty presence into our lives, and this is the simple prin-

ciple of just drinking.

The first river of power that I would like to deal with is the wonderful river of witnessing. Jesus said, in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me." I am afraid that many in Pentecostal circles have failed to retain their experience of the Holy Spirit for the simple reason they have lost out through their lack of personal testimony. If we are thoroughly filled with the Holy Spirit we will want to be active personal evangelists. Certainly the crying need in this eleventh hour, while the church stands on tip toe momentarily expecting the coming of our Lord, is that you and I will be doing everything we can to spread the glad tidings of salvation through our personal testimony. There is no thrill in all of this world like that which fills our souls when we have won a soul to Christ.

A short while ago, while preaching in Gresham, Oregon, I had occasion to have an aged blacksmith weld a trailer hitch on my car. People in the church told me before I went to his quaint old shop that he was definitely an ungodly man. While he was working on the car I asked the Holy Spirit to help me bring the words of life to his blackened heart. When he was through the job the river of witnessing was flowing into his heart. With tears running down his face, he drew off his old dirty cap, bowed his head on the old shop anvil and gave his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. I am not certain as to who was the happier, he or I. —Oh, the joy of winning souls for Jesus.

There is another river that I believe our Lord included in the message of deliverance and power that He cried in the streets of Jerusalem that day, the river of divine healing. Surely if we are filled with the Holy Spirit we will want to exercise greater faith in the atoning blood of Jesus and drink from Him the divine strength we need for these mortal bodies. This was the wonderful river that was flowing in Acts 3:6 when Peter and John were on their way "into the temple at the hour of prayer." Our Pentecostal experience today is precisely what these disciples had of old. What Peter had in his heart when he spoke to the crippled man the words "*such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk*" may still be our portion now. Is it not true that many times our Pentecostal testimony has been strained in the eyes of the world for the simple reason that we lacked in not drinking more freely at this river, and as a result we have not

allowed the complete work of Christ for us to be manifest in our lives. I am afraid we have not received the greater healings needed for our bodies because we have failed to trust God in the lesser ailments. God help us today as His own little children to drink and to continue to drink at the river of divine healing.

This river of healing would seem to be a tributary of even a greater-flowing river; namely, the river of faith. There is no doubt we are living in an hour when Satan is applying his pressure to God's people everywhere. I feel sure that we are going to need positive Bible-grounded faith if we are to continue steadfast until our Lord comes. When Peter and John were asked for an explanation as to how this man crippled from his mother's womb was made whole, remember they said, "*That His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know.*"

The fourth river that I would like to deal with is likewise important. This is the river of prayer. How we need to pray. This fact is evidenced in the Scriptures by the many hours and whole nights that our Lord spent alone in prayer. Our power for witnessing, our faith for healing, our strength for every day, whether it is preaching the word or busy at our employment, depends upon our willingness to wait before the Lord in prayer. In Acts 4:1, 5 we read how "*the priests, and captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon (Peter and John) being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.*" We read how, "*they laid hands on them and put them in the hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.*" We then read how they threatened them and let them go. "And being let go, they went to their own company . . . and they lifted up their voice to God with one accord." Here we learn the value of confident trusting and believing prayer. Surely there is room for all of us to come and enter into the refreshing waters of this glorious river of power through prayer.

Through personal illustration I would like to show you what I mean when I say that with these rivers flowing through our hearts we can have complete peace, joy, and satisfaction in serving the Lord Jesus Christ. I cannot forget while in my teens back home in eastern Canada, like most young men I was drawn towards the river of the pleasures of the world. I thought if I could only get into the radio world that this would be the crowning moment of a thrilling life. I found my way to radio. I went on the air five times a day for a cigarette company. I used to work and study hard at radio dramatics. I can remember the first time I was ever on a radio broadcast, it was the big fifty thousand watt station

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Realism is not Pessimism

(By Dr. Robert G. Lee)

One should not be called a pessimist photographer of rotten spots when he says that today the spiritual mercury falls low, that today faith's wings are clipped by reason's scissors, that today a licentious social atmosphere prevails, that today there is administration of laughing gas for the painless extraction of sin, that today men "loose wild tongues that hold not God in awe," that today our lame, bleeding, unregenerate humanity is set down in the midst of palaces, arts, philosophies, educational institutions, scientific marvels, political panaceas and legalized booze—and remains a bedraggled beggar still. (*Christian Victory*).

Religious Liberty

A few weeks ago the Supreme Court handed down two important rulings. The first was the case of a Baptist minister who was refused a license to preach on the street in New York because he

C. B. L. in Toronto. Half way through the show I was so excited with the thrill of it all I lost my place in my script, and the producer had to give me a bump with his knee in order to get me started again. I was thrilled with it. I used to take the other boys' time and programs, used to go to the station early, used to be there when I didn't have to be, thrilled with radio!

I have sat at microphones with young men when they had a bottle of liquor in one hand and a radio script in the other, and I have heard these same young men confess that they were so unhappy. I'll never forget the Saturday night when I walked out of those radio studios in a fashionable eastern Canadian hotel. I put both my hands to heaven and said, "O God, if you will get me out of this business, I'll serve you." I arose from my knees at 2:30 that morning, the burden of sin had rolled away, the desire for the fleeting things of this world were gone. I thought if I could only be a broadcaster that it would be the most wonderful thing in all the world, but I'll never forget one Sunday night in the little town of Wallaceburg, Ontario, when it was my privilege to bring my first sermon, with the Holy Spirit flooding my soul. I remember when the altar call was given, winning my first soul for the Lord Jesus Christ when a big man sitting in the back seat came down the aisle and through his tears wept his way to the throne of grace.

There is no thrill in all the world like the wonderful thrill of living in the center of His will and drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry.

called the Pope the Antichrist, and the Jews "Christ-killers." He preached anyhow, was arrested and fined \$10. The high court reversed the decision, declaring such ordinances were invalid because they permitted police to control the right of a citizen to speak on religious matters.

The second case was that of Jehovah's Witnesses who were denied permission to hold meetings in a public park. They tried to conduct the meeting and were arrested. The high court reversed the decision on the basis of freedom of speech.

We thank God for American liberties; let us use to the full our privilege to preach the gospel. (*Chisian Victory*).

Pray For Alaska

Out of a population of 135,000 in Alaska, only 25,000 are church members and 14,000 of these are Catholics. The Catholics have 50 churches. The Assemblies of God are second, having 18 assemblies. Pray for Alaska.

Bible House Destroyed

The Bible House of the Korean Bible Society in Seoul, was completely destroyed September 26 during a severe battle. The contents of the Bible House were completely destroyed. The only copy of the complete manuscript of the Korean Bible, which had been revised in the new system of spelling had been taken from the Bible House and so escaped destruction.

Gambling "Take"

Virgil W. Peterson, who is operating director of the Chicago Crime commission estimates that the gambling "take" in the United States is some \$15,000,000,000 a year, or \$2,000,000,000 more than the vast amount appropriated for the military establishment last year.

How Much Faith in Washington?

Felix Morley, Pulitzer-winning journalist: "It is startling to learn that two out of every three people in Washington, most of whom work for a government founded on religious faith, are without any perceptible manifestation of such faith."

America's most precious possession is her reservoir of young men and women. There is grave danger that the U.S. will be bled white, as were European nations in the first two world wars. —Eli Culberston. "U.N. Police Authority."

Governor Thos. E. Dewey of N.Y.: "Unless our nation develops a quality of leadership and a capacity for effective action which have thus far not appeared, I do not believe we will survive."

Israel's Minister of Agriculture, after a recent tour of the important government agricultural installations, reported that Israel could easily become self-sufficient in vegetables, potatoes, onions and garlic. It would also soon be independent as to poultry and cattle feed. In the Negev area 125,000 acres of barley will be planted in the present rainy season.

Says *Intelligence Digest* from England: "Russia will smash into the Middle East at the strategically correct time. Our observers have much evidence that Russia plans access to the valuable raw materials of South East and Central Asia." That's familiar to the prophetic student. (Ezek. 38-39).

Upsurge of Religious Interest in U. S.

(Taken from an article by George Cornell, printed in the *Sacramento Bee*)

"Key signs indicate a phenomenal upsurge of interest in religion in America.

A few of the clues:

Seminaries are packed and some of them, for the first time, are being forced to turn away applicants.

Bible sales nearly have doubled in the last decade, increasing between five and ten per cent in the last year.

A *radio network's* broadcast on religion in January of this year stirred the greatest letter response in the program's 16-year history.

The number of newspaper and magazine syndicates handling religious features has jumped from 17 to 45 in five years.

Church building is at an all time high.

Most college and universities across the country have expanded religious curricula to meet student demands.

Present-day touring evangelists have attracted near record crowds.

Church contributions and attendance (a basic gauge of church vitality) are considered by officials to be at a peak.

Religious and inspirational books in recent years have achieved a regular place in best seller lists.

Close observers view the sharpened religious appetite of the country as the result of the insecurity of the times."

One minister, Rev. Ora W. Langston of New York, offered this analysis:

"People have discovered the things they counted on most are no longer dependable. The family structure is not what it once was 20 years ago. The absolute, positive assurance of United States invulnerability is gone. The value of money has gone to pieces. To put it briefly, things are shaking, and the people are looking for something unshakable."

In the most active life there must be time for the hush of prayer, for the quiet hour, or one is not active in the Master's business.

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Records

by Charles L. Elmes

Most of the Sunday school superintendents and pastors know that records are very necessary if we are to know where we have been and where we expect to go. You must have records to tell if there has been any progress or growth in the school as well as the church. Records tell a story that cannot possibly be compiled in any other way, yet we in the

Sunday school seem to think that they are only for the superintendent or some one to read as an after-thought when School is practically over for the day. This is not the case, for we need them to tell which department or class is keeping stride with the desires and wishes of the school officers. There must of necessity be a goal to aim at for the proper growth and enthusiasm for the good of the school.

I am not trying to bring forth the idea that the thoughts are original with me in this study of the records of our schools, for many are gathered from different sources and some from experience that we have had in our Sunday school work.

Attendance—

Attendance is the first thing one thinks of in the school, how many attend, how many departments, classes, etc. We are not teaching lessons, we are teaching pupils. We not only teach when we expound the lesson or ask our pupils questions, but we are teaching when we take the class records. Attendance records kept on an individual basis will raise each pupil's estimation of the importance of the Sunday school. A school that is not important enough to need records of each individual will not seem very important to its pupils. What authority or prestige would a public school have without a grade book?

Of course the keeping of the record is not enough in itself. The record must be used. Absentees must be visited. Pupils must know they are missed from the class when they are absent. The keeping of the records must be made an important part of the class time, not something to apologize about or to keep out of sight. If the records are given a place of prominence, they will be a vital factor in the shaping of Christian character.

The records for attendance must be accurate at all times, so it is also important that the one to keep the records is interested in records and will follow up the previous records to improve in the future of the School.

Good records correct tardiness when presented to the pupil to make the pupil

see it is necessary to be on time.

Bringing The Bible—

When the Bible is brought it makes them feel that they are doing something for the cause of Sunday school, especially when the teacher encourages them to use it in class. Since the Bible is our only book of faith, we need to know more of it, and should teach the children as they grow up that the Sunday school is the place to use it.

Studied Lesson—

The record must show *who* studies his lesson and who does not, for from this record the superintendent can pick his future teachers, for if one does not study his lesson then certainly that pupil is not worthy of promotion to the great responsibility of teaching. Paul said in the second book of Timothy, the second chapter and the fifteenth verse: "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" If the pupil studies himself he shall be better informed what is told. Therefore to make him study we must create a desire in him to study.

Offerings—

The pupil must be encouraged to give and give liberally, for his doing so is great joy. Set a goal for the class each Sunday and then break it down to those you know that can give, and then bring forth the thought that all that comes in over that amount will be making a special record of giving for the class. There are many ways for teaching giving to the work of the Lord.

Morning Worship—

Where are the pupils of the Sunday school?

It is a must in the records you keep to have a check on those you have for Sunday school that do not stay for church. You must make them feel that they are most vitally needed and make it so. The record book should show where the *leaks* are. Then put in the plug that stops that large hole. Statistics show that such a great percentage of our members and missionaries and ministers come from the early training they received in the Sunday school, then let's keep records to keep them coming.

Make use of the visitor's cards and follow them up, as well as use all the helps to get, keep and hold them by properly kept records. The plan that is recommended by the Sunday School Department is well worth while to investigate for your school.

The Four-Six Point Plan is fine, but must of necessity be kept up to date to properly appreciate it and receive the benefits from it. We used it when it first was introduced, and our school grew and finances increased more than they had before. We have found it to work when you work it.

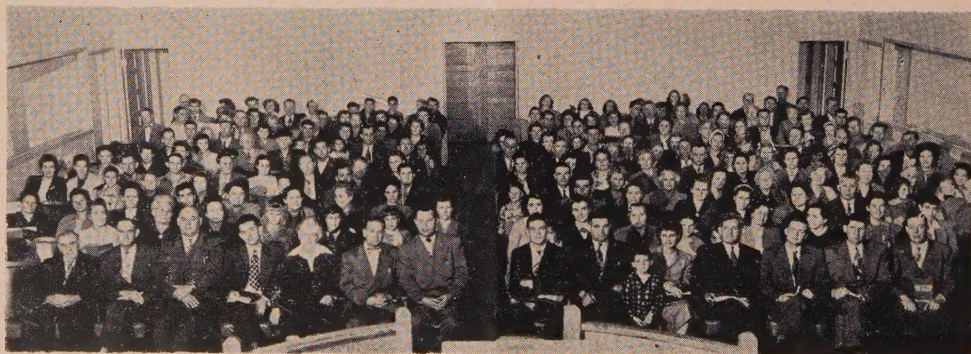
Class Record—

The class records are important to the school secretary and the teacher *must* see that these records are correct, as the class records make up the school's record. One time I had a young person in the church I was pastoring who thought he was called to preach, but he preached practically the same thing over and over again every opportunity he had to speak. I went to the records and found out that he seldom prepared the lesson. This revealed a great deal to me, as the records were properly kept. This experience proved to me the value of the keeping of records.

The Secretary Book—

The secretary depends on records from each class so this record must be right.
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MODESTO AREA TRAINING COURSE



Eight churches in the Modesto area co-operated in a Sunday School Training Course during the first two weeks in February. The classes, or services, were held in the Assembly of God Tabernacle, 6th and G Streets, Modesto, where Walter Larson is the pastor. "How to Teach" was the textbook used, and L. W. Suter was the instructor. The number of those attending this course reached as high as 300 in a service. 109 completed the two week's course of study and received certificates.

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MISSIONARY GIVING

For Calendar Year 1950

From District and Assemblies Only—

Offerings for the year	\$32,210.71
Given direct	12,128.54
Total for year	94,339.25
Total offerings in 1949	102,008.27
Decrease in 1950	7,669.02

Ten Leading Assemblies

Sacramento Bethel	\$ 7,508.93
Oakland First Church	5,236.80
San Francisco Glad Tidings	3,710.15
Oakland Bethel	2,913.13
Morgan Hill Full Gospel	2,833.48
Turlock Bethel	2,790.49
Modesto Bethel	2,656.35
Oakland Calvary	2,228.93
Santa Cruz First	2,064.53
Stockton Calvary	1,844.93

Other churches which contributed over \$1000: Berkeley Assembly, El Cerrito Assembly, Escalon Assembly, Eureka Assembly, Oakland Bethany Chapel, Pacific Grove First Assembly, Redwood City Assembly, Richmond Full Gospel Temple, San Jose First Assembly, Vallejo First Assembly, Weed Glad Tidings, and Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

Ten Leading Assemblies — Per Capita	
Oakland Bethany Chapel	\$ 55.17
Oakland Bethel Tabernacle	43.52
Berkeley Assembly	42.07
Fortuna Assembly	38.70
Oakland First Church	37.50
Weed Glad Tidings	34.03
Morgan Hill Full Gospel	32.57
Escalon Assembly	30.20
Oakland Calvary Temple	27.52
Kerman Grace and Truth Tab.	27.11

SHUN SPECULATION

By C. H. Spurgeon

To leave the consideration of well-known and soul-saving truths to fight over unimportant subtleties, is to turn our corn fields into poppy gardens. To imagine that the writers of unintelligent mysticism are men of great depth, is to find wisdom in the hootings of owls.

True spirituality shuns the obscure and dilettanti, and delights in the plain and practical; but there is much to fascinate in the superfine shams of the hour. Some are zealots for a certain theory of 666, and the two witnesses, and the little horn, who would be far better employed in training up their children in the fear of God, or listening for their instruction to a sober preacher of the Word of God. It is a most fitting thing to be looking for the coming of the Lord, but a most miserable waste of time to be spinning



The District Presbytery in Session Takes Time out for a Picture

Left to right, seated: W. T. Gaston, Superintendent; R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer; L. R. Keyes, General Presbyter; C. E. Persing, General Presbyter; Chas. L. Elmes, Sacramento Valley; E. W. Knutson, Capitol; C. C. Anderson, Nevada; Orville Painter, North San Joaquin; L. L. Ferguson, Diablo; C. J. Larson, Redwood. Standing: L. L. Gerhart, North Bay; P. R. Ford, South San Joaquin; W. C. Ross, Lassen-Plumas; E. O. Robeck, Peninsula; Louis E. Weston, Coast Counties; Albert Rowley, Shasta; K. M. Haystead, Assistant Superintendent; E. E. Krogstad, East Bay. S. C. Edgar, Lake-Mendocino, was not present.

theories about it, and allowing the millions around us to perish in their sins.

Ragged - schools, orphanages, street-preaching, tract distributing almsgiving, these are the present and pressing questions for the Christian Church; whether the stream of the Euphrates is likely to diminish, or the Dead Sea to flow into the Mediterranean, may be settled in less needy times.

Meetings For The Deaf

The first state-wide Christian Fellowship rally for the deaf held in this District was held in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, February 16 to 18, special speakers to the deaf, in sign language, were Rev. E. Dunn of San Jose and Rev. John Stalling of Norfolk, Virginia. The latter is superintendent of the Christian Deaf Fellowship, a branch or part of our Assemblies of God work Brother and Sister Thurmond were guest speakers for the convention, speaking through an interpreter. Sister Fern Rolfe has come to Sacramento from Ohio to develop and pastor the assembly of those who live in silence.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

APRIL—

- 2 - Greenville, Newark, Somes Bar, Tracy, Weott
- 9 - Los Gatos (Lighthouse), Point Arena, Colusa
- 16 - Napa
- 17 - Hilts
- 23 - Kerman, Oroville, Soledad

MAY—

- 7 - Alameda, Briceland (White-thorn), Susanville, Tuolumne
- 14 - Covelo, Half Moon Bay
- 21 - Santa Rosa (Wright Dist.)
- 22 - Lookout
- 28 - Anderson, Madera (Bonita), Pacific Grove

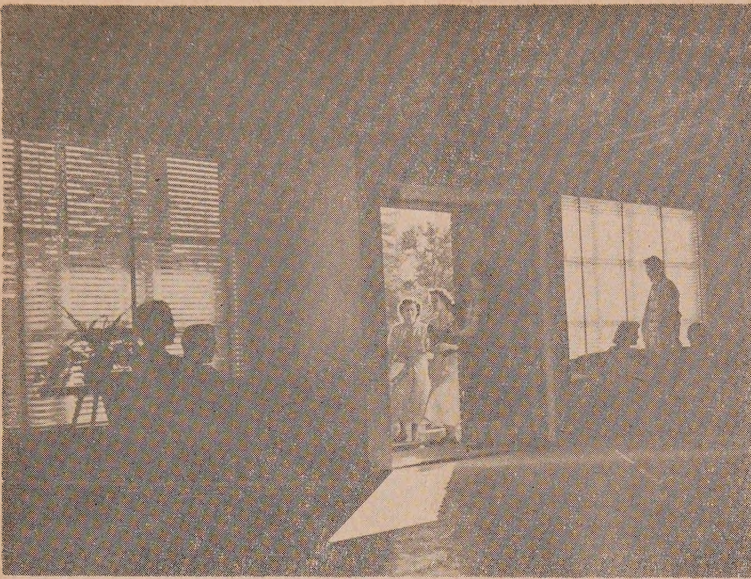
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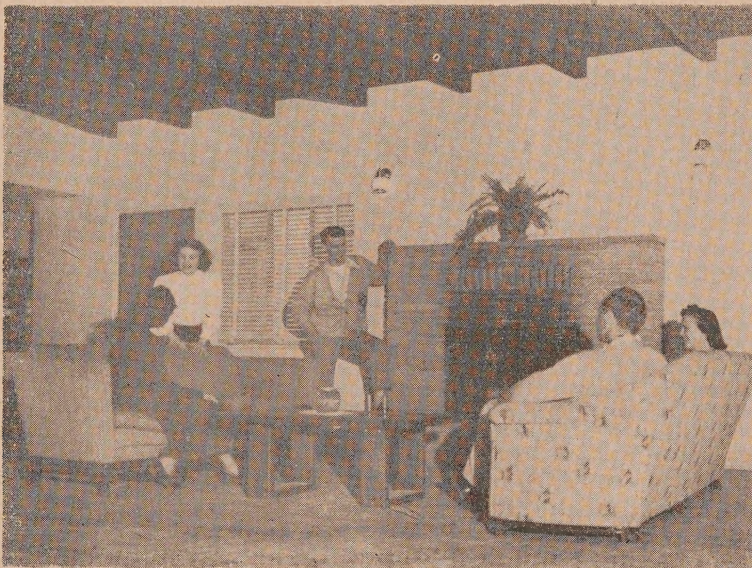
BETHANY PARK, near SANTA CRUZ

GLAD TIDINGS

Bethany Park



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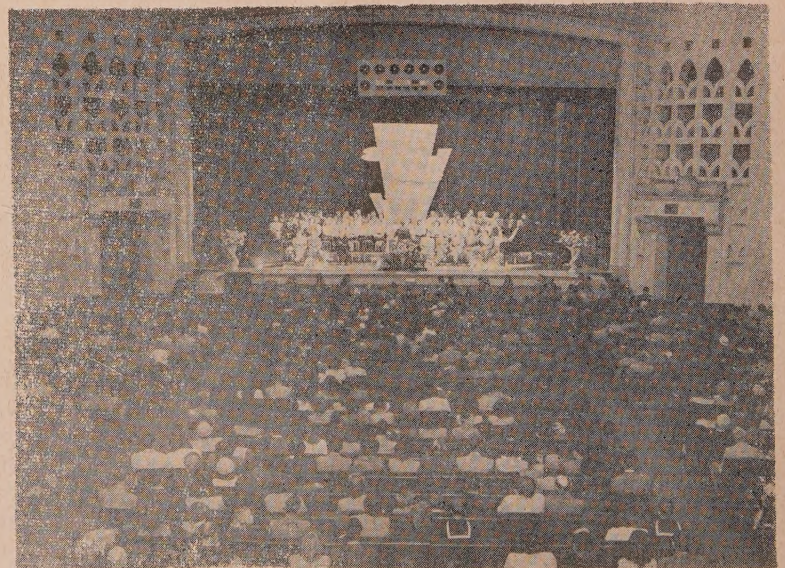


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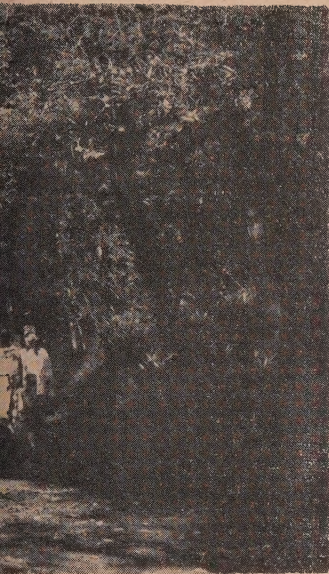
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Ambassador Choir at C. A. Convention.

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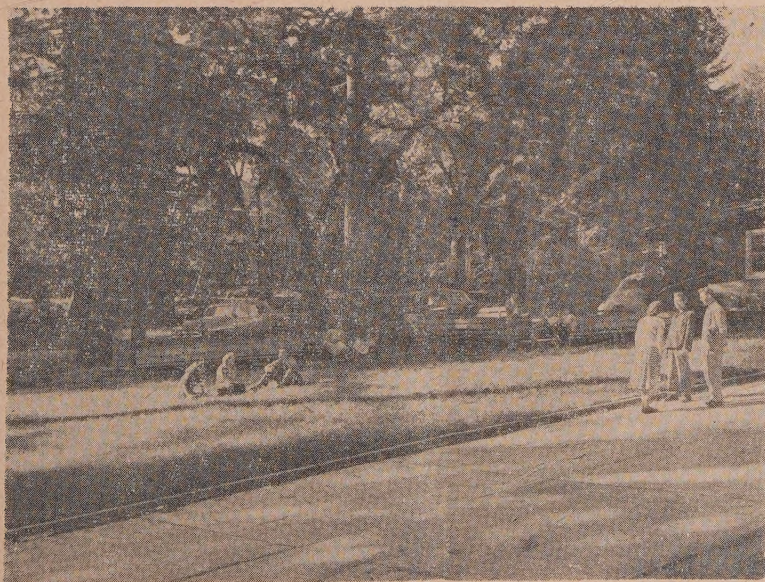
Redwoods."



G.T.B.I. Float, "Chapel in the Redwoods."



President W. T. Gaston speaking at Chapel.



"Free Time" on Campus.

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The Purpose of a C. A. Rally

by Raymond P. Murray

(Given at Sectional Chairmen's Conference in Sacramento)

(Ecc. 3:1-9, 17)

Solomon in his Proverbs tells us "Every purpose is established by counsel" and "without counsel purposes are disappointed." Therefore to counsel together concerning our purposes in a C.A. rally is imperative.

I believe we all agree that the supreme purpose is, and must ever be, SPIRITUAL. We believe that the spiritual part of a man is the supreme worth. There are four essentials in a well-rounded, spiritual C.A. rally. STIMULATION is the first for us to consider. To stimulate is to excite, arouse, animate to action, impel, encouraging; anything that excites the spirit, mind, or body. The need for stimulation is apparent. All of us have experienced those times of inertia. Times when our spirits are sluggish and our zeal has waned. The worlding realizing this "let-down" feeling resorts to artificial stimulants such as drink or narcotics. By these artificial means the unbeliever seeks to bolster his deficiency. The Christ Ambassador has spiritual stimulants in "the blessings of the Lord that maketh rich and added no sorrow there with it." Every C.A. rally should leave us stimulated, revived, and exhilarated.

This stimulation should be for the purpose of activation. We are to be stimulated in order to act, not just for a pleasant feeling. We are not to seek gelize the world, there is a great field of endeavor. May the Lord Himself strengthen their hands for this good work!

the thrill of a passing emotion. We want our C.A.'s to act like "Christ's Ambassadors." Each group has many talents that lie dormant, their potential undeveloped. How to realize this unused power is a problem. Each C.A. rally is a potential for developing leadership among our C.A. groups. As Director of Education of the 20th District of California Congress of Parents and Teachers, I must pass along the inspiration and information I receive from the State office. We are taught that if a year goes by and we say we haven't leaders to take over for a new year, it is an indication that the present leadership has failed. We must develop leadership among our C. A.'s.

Collectivism and individualism are technical words that have been much used in recent months. The extreme in either is to be avoided. Individualism which would treat each human being as holding an isolated independence of his fellow men should be shunned. No man liveth to himself; for good or evil he inevitably affects the lives of others. Activation has to do with individuals. CO-ORDINATION is collective. C. A. rallies should be a time of sharing ideas with C.A. groups. "C.A. services that are different" makes an interesting topic for some persons at a rally. Variety in a C.A. rally should inspire local groups to attempt new ideas. We are a "voluntary co-operative fellowship" therefore all local groups should plan their programs around a national, state, sectional pro-

SECTIONAL CHAIRMEN MEET: All of our fourteen sections except two were represented last week in a two-day conference held in Sacramento. The first meeting of this kind ever held for the C. A. leaders of the Northern California and Nevada District became a joyous occasion of spiritual fellowship and of profitable discussion. Ideas were exchanged and problems were met with frank examination.

RALLY CLINIC: The first sessions of the gathering were given to what was called a "Rally Clinic." The objective was to consider every phase of our C.A. rallies and then take up the problems confronted in each section. Not all problems were solved, but valuable ideas were offered.

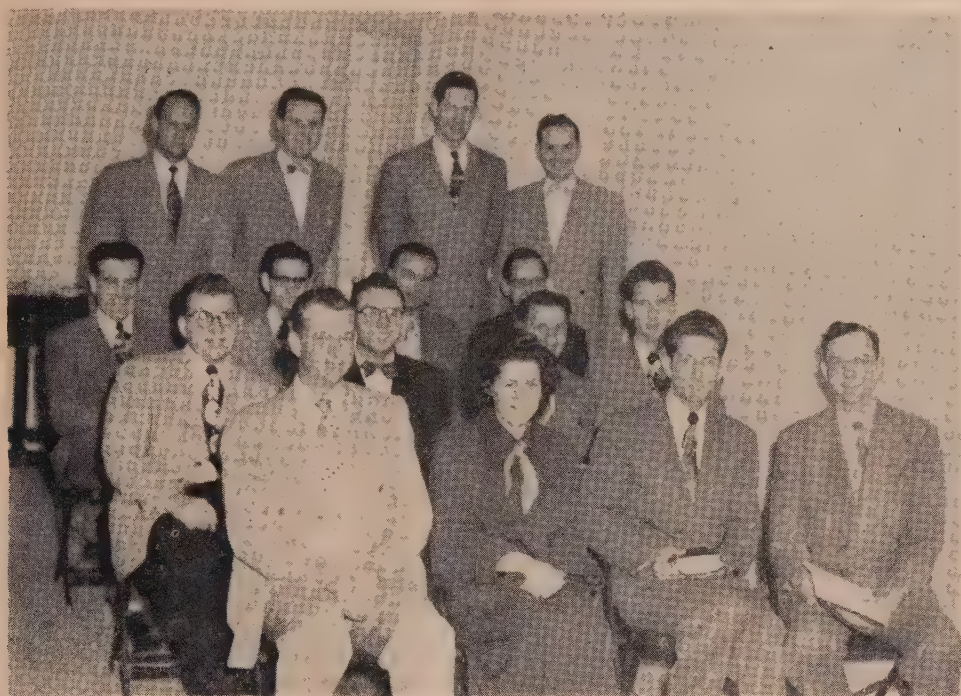
W. T. GASTON'S MESSAGE: In the early part of Wednesday evening, Brother Gaston spoke to this group of young people. He opened his heart to re-emphasize the importance of spiritual values. As leaders we were reminded to use our spiritual sense of smell to recognize new leadership in our young people. Then to show an interest in them that they might have opportunity to use their talents in the services. From Brother Gaston's "Observations Through The Years" came a gentle reminder to all that the Holy Spirit is our helper and should be predominate in every meeting. Just knowing how to do things is not uppermost, but that touch of the Spirit is to be desired. All problems and plans were laid aside at the close of his message as everyone, deeply moved, sought a new touch of His Spirit.

DISCUSSIONS: Time was given to a frank discussion of our District C.A. finances. It was noted that our support to the district office from local groups is not spread evenly over the larger percentage of the churches. The problem is not a serious one and we were happy to see that if each group could be educated to do regularly just what it can do easily that all needs would be met and there would be plenty to take care of special projects and needs as they arise. The fellows were anxious to go back to their sections and encourage 100 per cent co-operation from their groups.

GIVE AND TAKE OF C.A. RELATIONS: The last portion of the meeting was turned to the give and take of C.A. work. This proved highly profitable as we recognized the opportunities that are given us to work together for the kingdom of God. Through Speed-the-Light, Service Men's work, College Fellowship, National C.A. Day, rallies, conventions, youth camps, and the over-all fellowship of Pentecostal young people as they evan-



C. A. Counselor Leonard Rogers speaks to the sectional chairmen.



DISTRICT C. A. LEADERS MEET IN SACRAMENTO. Pictured above are the sectional chairmen of this District. Front row: Melvin James, Diablo; Mrs. Katy Borning, Shasta; Ray Lockwood, North San Joaquin; Leonard Rogers, Counselor. Second row: Adrian Benning, Capital; Kirk Soper, Jr., North Bay; Jack Colas, Lake-Mendocino; Leslie Lewis, Redwood. Third row: Ray Harper, Sacramento Valley; Leland Shultz, East Bay; Don North, Lassen-Plumas; Phil Lindvall, Peninsula. Back row: Dick Fulmer, president; Wes Steelberg, vice-president; Keith Hill, secretary-treasurer; and Harry Haight, president in Sacramento. Other chairmen not present for the picture: H. J. Hays, South San Joaquin; Ray Murray, Coast Counties; M. A. Caudill, Nevada.

gram. Thus we would co-ordinate in simultaneous programs such as national C.A. Day, Speed-the-Light, etc.

EVANGELIZATION should be a keynote in every C.A. rally. We should strive to get unsaved young people to the rallies. The success of a rally should be based on how many souls were saved? I'm afraid we're losing this objective in our rallies. Never close a rally without a gospel invitation.

On the MATERIAL side of the ledger I make four suggestions. Our C.A. rallies should be a time of Christian Fellowship. Young people need the fellowship of each other. Fellowship is essential in Christian development. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" is commanded in God's word.

FRIENDSHIP is a step forward from fellowship. Fellowship is collective, friendship is more intimate. An ancient scholar wrote: "Without friends no one would choose to live, even if he had all the other blessings of life." Every C.A. should seek to know each C.A. from the other assemblies

Some C.A.'s attend the same school as other C.A.'s, yet they do not know each other. Therefore I suggest that a service, banquet, boatripe, etc., be conducted at least once a year. In this informal at-

mosphere young people may become acquainted. By this, I feel some of our problems of courtship and marriage may be partially solved. Be sure to close all

social get-togethers with devotionals.

STEWARDSHIP should be included on the material side. Stewardship of time (conserving leisure moments); talents, money should be taught and emphasized in C.A. rallies. Our talents may be encouraged toward development by urging the bringing of musical instruments to each rally. Vocal talents should be utilized. Our stewardship concerning money should have proper stress as the offering is received. The support of Christ's Ambassador work on local, sectional, state, and national levels could be emphasized.

One may summarize this meditation in one word, *workmanship*. Our goal should be "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your *good works* and glorify your father which is in heaven," or "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." The New Testament Scriptures make unmistakably clear the need and importance of good works.

When we bring people to church we provide fish for the net. When we bring a soul to Christ we provide food for the table. When we bring a glowing Christian to prayer meeting we provide fire for the altar. When we lead others into Christian service we provide fellowship for the work.

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Temptations are sure to ring your doorbell, but it is your fault if you ask them to stay for dinner.



C. A. leaders enjoy a time of fellowship at a luncheon in Sacramento.

Here and There

ALAMEDA—Evangelist Earl F. Davis, formerly pastor in Stockton, has accepted the call to pastor the Glad Tidings Church in Alameda. Sister Helen Osborn has been serving as acting pastor since the death of her husband, Pastor A. E. Osborn.

ARBUCKLE—Evangelist Z. P. Miller began a revival campaign with Pastor Eugene Lawrence on March 6.

AUBURN—Pastor Thomas L. Mendenhall reports: "In January we had a good evangelistic service with the Mathan Musical Messengers." Several persons were saved. We have just completed over \$1500 of building improvements for the Sunday school and church. This provides 12 classrooms in addition to the auditorium and junior church auditorium. We expect to begin a revival with Claude Wood about the 15th of April."

BURLINGAME—Brother M. H. Heicksen of G.T.B.I. and Pastor E. Elsworth Krogstad of First Church, Oakland, were the afternoon and evening speakers, respectively at the Peninsula section fellowship meeting held there March 12. The pastor in Burlingame is Leonard Palmer.

CARMICHAEL—Of the revival campaign Evangelist Z. P. Miller held there February 4 to 18, Pastor Virgil E. Christian writes: "The Carmichael assembly has been stirred by two weeks of true revival. A number of people testified of healings. One boy was saved, two adults reclaimed by the Lord, and many Pentecostal evidences were present in the services. The Sunday school gained; twice we broke our previous record, reaching a new high of 95."

CHOWCHILLA—The South San Joaquin section had a very good fellowship meeting in Chowchilla February 26. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Roy Andrews of Tranquillity. The evening speaker was Evangelist Sammy Myers of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The pastor in Chowchilla is Harvey J. Hays.

CUPERTINO—"February 18 brought to a close six weeks of service as supply pastor for Brother Lyle Corsaw of Bethany Park. Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Merwin were away in special meeting in Nevada and Iowa. They also visited in Arizona and Southern California." —Leona Dyer, church reporter.

DALY CITY—Pastor J. L. Jeffrey has resigned as pastor to return again to evangelistic work. Anyone wishing to contact him can write to him at General Delivery, Walnut Creek, California. Pastor L. E. Cruncleton of Rodeo held two weeks of revival meetings there in February with good results, several being saved, as well as a general stir in the assembly.

DELHI—The Myers and Hicks Party (Sammy Myers and Sonny Hicks of Fort Smith, Arkansas) has been holding very

good meetings with Pastor P. R. Ford since February 18.

DEL PASO HEIGHTS—The Capital section fellowship meeting was held in Victory Tabernacle, on Marysville Road, February 12. The attendance was such that about half of the people had to be turned away because there was no room for them in the building. The afternoon service was ministered to by the young evangelists Eunice Lindvall and Margaret Whitt. The evening speaker was Evangelist Walter Trumbo. The pastor of Victory Tabernacle is John J. Piercy.

DIXON—Pastor Stanley Walsh reports: "Brother Maurice Contreras was with us for three weeks. New families were contacted and souls were saved. The church thoroughly enjoyed his ministry in song and the Word."

EL CERRITO—Evangelist D. Mark Buntain of Canada began revival meetings with Pastor E. Wm. Anderson on March 11.

EUREKA—Pastor C. J. Larson reports: "C. E. Butterfield, president of the Northwest Bible College in Seattle, Washington, conducted a five-day minister's institute for the Redwood district, in Eureka Assembly of God Church from February 26 to March 2. Brother Butterfield was a help to the ministers of the section, helping to improve their ministry and to solve many of their local problems. The local church, as well as the visitors for the institute, enjoyed a series of seven evening services."

FAIRFIELD—Pastor Carl R. Tucker reports of meetings Evangelist H. J. Ketner held with him from February 18 to 25: "Two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, there were three definite healings, and the church in general was benefited by our brother's ministry."

GREENVILLE—Very good results attended the revival meetings Brother Charles Kerner of Stockton held with Pastor Don North in March. There were six saved one evening.

HAYWARD—Evangelist and Mrs. James Swanson of Toronto, Canada, held a very successful campaign with Pastor Kenneth Haystead from February 18 to 25. Early in March Brother Swanson was chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother Haystead who assumes his duties as full-time Assistant Superintendent of the District.

HIGHWAY CITY—Report is received that 115 were saved during the six weeks of revival meetings that Sammy Myers and Sonny Hicks held with Pastor T. R. Whittington. The meetings ended February 17.

KELSEYVILLE—The Kelseyville assembly was host to the Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting February 12. Pastor Jack Colas of Lower Lake was the afternoon speaker. John Nicolich, missionary to

Puerto Rico, brought the evening message. The church served a fellowship dinner between services to approximately 175, using the dining hall of the Methodist church. Clarence Arnold is the pastor in Kelseyville.

KERMAN—Sister Ruth Bertenshaw of Portola held a Teachers' Training Course series in Kerman for Pastor J. C. Snyder the latter part of February.

LIVE OAK—Pastor B. H. Givens writes: "From February 4 to 18 we had revival meetings with Pastor Harvey J. Hays of Chowchilla. It was one of the best meetings we have had in the seven years we have been in Live Oak. Every department of the church was encouraged and blessed. There were seekers at the alter every night, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit."

LODI—Evangelist Paul F. Cook of Georgia held a good revival campaign with Pastor T. J. Custock in February.

MARTINEZ—In February the Martinez assembly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist L. C. Sloan of the Southern Missouri District for several weeks.

MODESTO (Bethel)—The church at 15th and G Streets has had further improvements. The report is that it is beautiful. The pastor is D. G. Weston.

MODESTO (6th and G)—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there March 5 and both services were well attended. The afternoon speaker was Kenneth Haystead. The evening speaker was Pastor Charles Coffey of Watsonville. The pastor is Walter E. Larson.

MODESTO (South)—Pastor Harry Oeth writes: "Would like to report a good revival held in January with Brother Truman Carlton. Some were saved and some were filled. The church as a whole was blessed. We are beginning our third year of ministry here. God is blessing . . . revival fires are burning in most of our regular services."

MONTAGUE—The Shasta fellowship meeting was held there February 20. Pastor J. O. Jorgensen of Dunsmuir brought the afternoon message. Pastor Glen Ayers of Tulalake was the speaker for the evening service, which was held in the Community Hall in order to accommodate the crowd. Sisters Rosemary Murphy and Winona Tussey are co-pastors of the Montague assembly.

OROVILLE—Before assuming his new duties as pastor in Alameda, Brother Earl F. Davis held three weeks of revival meetings, beginning March 11, with Pastor Wm. T. Scott.

PORTOLA—The Boardman Sisters held a Teachers' Training Course there the latter part of February. The pastors are Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw.

RIO DELL—The church was crowded to capacity for the Redwood fellowship meeting held there March 5. Evangelist Ward of Southern California spoke in the afternoon service. The evening speaker was Walter L. Trumbo. The pastor in Rio Dell is David A. Watson.

RIO LINDA—March 4 brought to a close two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Z. P. Miller. Mrs. Pearl Brown reports: "Several children went forward for salvation, others testified that they had been revived, and some came who had never been to our services before and said their hearts were stirred."

ROHNERVILLE — Evangelist Ward of Southern California held a successful revival campaign with Pastor R. L. Neal in February.

RODEO—Pastor L. E. Cruncleton reports on the meetings held by Evangelist and Mrs. F. L. Cook: "The meetings were held for three weeks with excellent results and good crowds. Many were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday school is showing steady progress . . . soon more quarters will have to be made available. Pastor Louis R. Davidson was the evening speaker at the fellowship meeting held in Rodeo February 12."

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—The McColl-Gerard Trio, three young ladies who sing, play and preach, began revival meetings there March 6. The pastor is N. E. Hinman.

SALINAS (Calvary)—Several went to the altar for salvation and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the meetings Evangelist and Mrs. H. M. Doyle held with Pastor W. C. Jones from February 4 to 25. The Doyles have returned to Oregon for meetings.

SAN FRANCISCO (Calvary)—Brother Joseph Stark has resigned as pastor and is entering the evangelistic field. He is open for meetings. He may be contacted at 1257 Sanchez Street, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Evangelist Starr Thomas began a revival campaign there March 11. L. R. Keys is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO (Sunset) — Pastor Paul V. Belchar reports having unusually good services in the three weeks of revival meetings Evangelist Claud Wood held there from February 11 to March 4. "Three were saved and three were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many testified to healing and a fresh anointing upon their hearts. Revival truly is in the hearts of the people, and we are expecting great things from God as we move on to greater victories and fresher experiences."

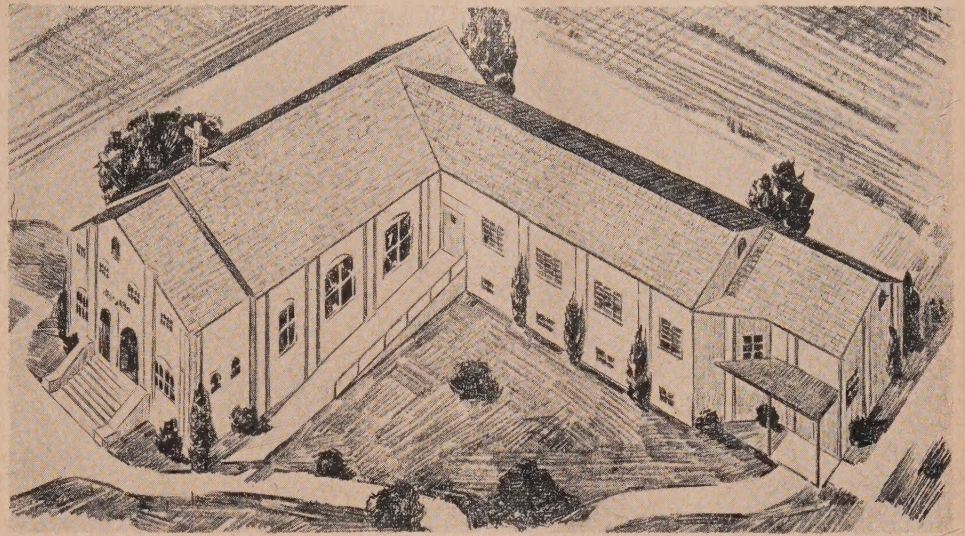
SANTA ROSA (Wright District)—Evangelist David Slankard held a revival campaign for Pastor Viola Griggs early in March.

SANTA ROSA—Pastor E. Elsworth Krogstad of Oakland held special meetings for Pastor L. R. Anderson from March 4 to 18.

SAUSALITO—Evangelist Joseph Stark of San Francisco held a revival campaign with Pastor O. A. Robertson in February.

ST. HELENA—Pastor S. H. Robertson has resigned, his closing service to be May 6. Brother Robertson, in very poor health for many months, is retiring from active duty at least for a while. He and Mrs. Robertson will make their home in San Jose.

TURLOCK'S BETHEL TEMPLE DEDICATED NEW ANNEX



SOQUEL — Reports Pastor Elizabeth Mehringer: "Evangelists Leonard Miller and wife were with us for four weeks. There were 10 who kneeled at the altar for salvation, some were reclaimed, and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Sunday school was boosted to a good attendance."

SUNNYVALE—Pastor Mark A. Hinman reports five weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Mark Buntain of Canada: "The campaign has proven to be one of the most successful meetings in the history of the church. Excellent crowds attended, with 40 to 50 sinners coming to Christ, and many others were filled with the Holy Ghost. Whole families came the same evening to accept the Lord. The morning prayer meetings, conducted Tuesdays through Fridays, proved to be the power-house for the revival. An average of 45 attended each day. This group, now called the Hour of Power Prayer Band, is continuing as a regular part of the ministry of the church, Tuesdays through Fridays. Another blessing of the meeting is the establishment of a daily radio broadcast over Radio KEEN, 1370 kc, at 9:05 to 9:30 Mondays through Fridays. Most of the cost was underwritten by pledges before the program was begun. Funds are nearly in for the purchase of a professional tape recorder for use in transcribing part of the programs. Still another feature of the meeting is the establishment of a personal workers' corps under the direction of the deacons of the church. A definite program is outlined for reaching the people of Sunnyvale with the full gospel. There are many testimonies of miracles of healing, deliverance from liquor, tobacco, and other bad habits. Among them is that of a confirmed drinker of 30 years, who was instantly delivered. Another man and wife, both heavy smokers, came to Christ and were instantly delivered."

VALLEJO—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held in the First Assembly,

THE CHURCH HAS GROWN

The Pentecostal Mission in Turlock was built in the summer of 1917 and was set in order by Brother R. J. Craig, the District's first Superintendent. Previous to this time the little group met in various homes. When the church was set in order Brother Adolph Peterson became the first pastor, most of the meeting "in the old days" being held in a Scandinavian language, and the assembly enjoyed good growth. The next pastor was Brother Samuel Swanson, who later became Superintendent of the Northwest District. His ministry there was followed by that of Pastor Victor Swift for one year. Pastor Chrest Knutsen then came in the fall of 1924 and served the church until the beginning of 1929. The next pastor was Brother Joseph Nilsen, who served for a year before going to Africa as a missionary, where is he serving at the present time. Brother J. Logan Stuart then served as pastor. The present church sanctuary was erected in 1933, during the ministry of Pastor John C. Nelson. The Sunday school at that time had a membership of approximately 115.

Seating 450 people, Bethel Temple, as it is now called, is of concrete construction and was erected at a cost of about \$15,000. Pastors Renfrow and Rogers were the next to serve the church. Their ministry was followed by that of Brother H. E. Alford, who was succeeded by Pastor A. A. Brown, who began his ministry there in the summer of 1942. The present pastor, Robert Carrington, began his service in Bethel in April, 1947. The Sunday school has enjoyed a continuous growth, so much that the new annex became imperative. Of the same construction as that of the main church structure, it was built at a cost of approximately \$32,000.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Pastor WALTER BORING of Mount Shasta and Evangelist BOBBY CLARK sailed February 13 for three months of evangelistic meetings in the Philippine Islands.

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ESTHER and HELEN BOARDMAN began a Sunday School Enlargement drive in Covina, Southern California, March 11. They are now available for calls for daily vacation Bible school work in the summer. Their address is P.O. Box 283, Lincoln, Calif.

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Evangelist J. R. VEST and son Julian held a revival campaign recently in Antlers, Oklahoma. These meetings followed successful campaigns in Idabel and Cromwell in the same state.

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Brother C. F. FERGUSON, formerly pastor of Oakland's First Church, has left the evangelistic field and in December opened a new gospel work, known as Central Tabernacle, in Pueblo, Colorado. It is a downtown assembly in an industrial city of nearly 100,000 population. Brother Ferguson says Pueblo is a good place for vacation in summer or winter. He would be happy for any of the fellowship when passing through to call on him.

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Early in the year Brother A. J. LEBECK was in Mexicali, Mexico, to help organize the first Gideon Camp south of the border. They are hoping that this is the beginning of many such camps throughout Mexico and South America for the purpose of giving out the Word of God in these needy countries. The Gideon program for 1951 is to give out 250,000 Bibles, 1,000,000 Service Testaments, 3,000,000 youth Testaments to the boys and girls, in our schools, as well as to fill requests for millions of copies of the Scriptures in lands overseas. Thousands of Bibles have been given to the Nationalist troops in Formosa, and soon 250,000 Spanish New Testaments will be given to the armed forces in Mexico City.

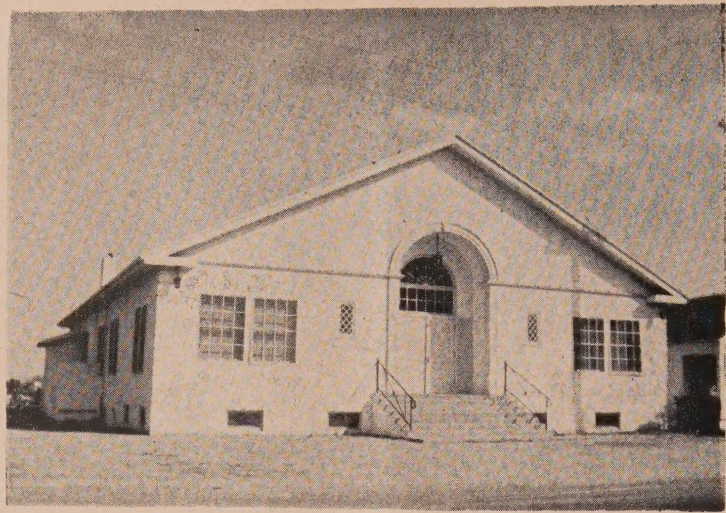
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Pastor RICHARD RUFF of San Jose is leaving for Europe April 16 to hold tent meetings in Berlin and in Hamburg. He will hold evangelistic meetings in Stuttgart and Frankfurt-on-Main before his return the first of September, the end of his leave of absence. He would be glad to look up anyone in these cities or environs while he is there. Those with relatives or friends whom they would particularly like to have contacted, may write to Brother Ruff accordingly. The address: 1560 Santa Maria Ave., San Jose.

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ELMINA and ROBERT BUBB, formerly of San Jose and who graduated from G.T.B.I. in '48, are now the pas-

REMODELED CHURCH



tors of the assembly in Deming, New Mexico, where they were called after a very successful ministry in Lordsburg. They are succeeded by Waymon Rutledge, class of '50, whose membership has just been transferred to the New Mexico District.

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Evangelist WALTER H. SMITH is still holding revival meetings in Florida. He had a very successful meeting in Clewiston in February. Early in March he began a campaign in Goulds.

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HERE AND THERE

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Capitol and Sacramento Streets, February 19. Evangelist Maurice Contreras was the speaker for the afternoon meeting. Brother L. W. Suter was the evening speaker. The ladies of the church served a fellowship dinner between services. The pastor of the First Assembly is J. L. Gerhart.

WATERFORD—Pastor C. J. Brown reports: "The church has been very much blessed. The first of December we had a good revival with Evangelist Sam Cochran of Bakersfield. Since that time we have had a steady growth in all departments. In February the Sunday school average attendance was 149. Much had been done on the property. The entire interior of the church has been decorated with a new plaster and indirect lighting has been installed. A new oak floor is being laid. Several new families have come into the church within the past seven months."

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Saturday evening, January 27, Mary Leona Sargent became the bride of Leonard H. Miller in a beautiful setting arranged in the Pajaro Full Gospel Church of Watsonville. They were united in marriage by the pastor, Charles J. Coffey. The Millers will continue in evangelistic work, maintaining their home address at 27 West Fifth Street, Watsonville.

Friends of Kerman's Grace and Truth Assembly are invited to attend the dedication services of the newly remodeled and redecorated building April 23, when the South San Joaquin fellowship meeting will be held there. Completely renovated, with the addition of a new entrance, pastor's study, rest rooms, nursery, class rooms, and a C.A. room, the building is equipped with new seats and light fixtures, as well as new carpets and a remodeled platform. Brother Thurmond and Brother Gaston will be the afternoon and evening speakers respectively. The pastor is J. C. Snyder. A fellowship dinner will be served at the high school cafeteria between services.

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HOME FROM THE ISLANDS

Brother Clyde Hummel, pastor at Garberville, arrived in Oakland March 11 by plane from the Hawaiian Islands after three months spent with his children, Rosemary and Omar Goins, and Clydene, on the island of Kauai. He reports that his vacation went into reverse when he got there and terminated in a church building program the early part of January. When he left Kauai, the Goins family was settled in their new living quarters and were to hold their first services in the new chapel March 11.

The Goins went to the islands last September to carry on the work started by Brother and Sister Spurgeon Oren, now on the mainland, who conducted their services in Lihue in a side room of the city's gymnasium.

In answer to prayer God made it possible to secure a lot at a nominal figure, for Lihue, and also made it possible for Brother Hummel and Brother Goins to purchase, for almost a song, a large old house that had to be razed, but from which sufficient lumber was secured for the new chapel and living quarters. The Lihue, Kauai, church and Parsonage are clear of debt with the exception of \$725, the half price of the lot.

NEW ARRIVALS

Pastor and Mrs. Nels G. Lien (the former Viola Tacker), now of Oregon, welcomed their first child, a daughter, February 3. The young lady will learn to sign her name as Connie Ruth Lien.

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Brother and Sister Thornton Gapen now have three little girls. Little Marilyn Louise joined the family circle February 26 in Concord.

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Mervin Glenn arrived in time to join his parents, Paul and Miriam (Kennedy) Wright, and older brother, Oren, for their return trip to the mission field. The third son of the Wrights was born in Sacramento on February 26. The family leaves April 1 for the East and on to East Africa.

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The Paul B. Couchmans, Jr., of Morgan Hill welcomed their second daughter March 4 in Gilroy. If plans develop on schedule, little Juanita Lois will not be very old when she accompanies her parents and sister to Lima, Peru.

Incidentally this little girl and little Connie Lien are great granddaughters of our Brother P. C. Tacker.

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At Bethany Park

FOR SALE: "Will sell my house and garage on Lot No. 75 at Bethany Park, Santa Cruz, for what I have in it, furnished. Hardwood floors. New bath fixtures. All electrical appliances. Built-ins. Floor footage 20x26. Garage 14x22."—Earl F. Davis, 1721 Alameda St., Alameda, Calif.

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SOME ALUMNI GET TOGETHER

Brother H. Wesley Cooksey, former dean of G.T.B.I., recently held meetings in a Sacramento church. While he was in the city, a group of his former students who are now settled in the surrounding area gathered at a restaurant for dinner and a time of reunion, with Brother Cooksey as guest of honor.

Brother R. A. Wilson, pastor in Roseville and Alumni president, writes: "After dinner and a time of fellowship around the table, all present, in turn, introduced themselves, and then Brother Cooksey talked to us. He reminisced of former times in Glad Tidings and then urged the folks to be true to the Lord. He especially urged those who were called to the ministry to be true to their ministry." Among those present were: Albert and Mary Lebeck, C. E. Lebeck, Martina Johnson, Orpha Siler Smith, Ruben and Harriet Wilson, Alta Drujin, Lydia K. Elliott, Raymond W. Richter, Leah E. Brown, Theo. and Hazel Silva, the Elmer Byfields, the Sam Fusaros, and the E.E. Zimmermans.

W. M. C. Ladies Are Busy

New groups and new projects under way

The fresh spring air and beautiful sunshine after the rain and fog makes one feel like digging in and doing things. Now is a good time for some of the Women's Missionary Councils to get working on some of the things they "plan to do sometime," starting new groups, getting new projects, inviting new people. One of the letters just received from a smaller church in the valley is so good I want to share it with you:

"This letter is to inform you that we have organized a young married-women's W.M.C., also a teen-agers C.A. M.C., There are eight married women. Their projects are to finish two Sunday school rooms (the nursery class and beginners), put cribs in the nursery and finish it, and help a home missionary. The twelve or more C.A.M.C.'s want to make posters and 'what-nots' and we want to know where to send them. The older women are busy making quilts and working over used clothing. There are a number of needy ones in our community. We have also started a pantry shelf. It's just an orange crate, but almost full. Canning season will soon be here and we hope to do lots more. We also have room in the basement to finish for our own use. We have a treasure chest and always remember one or more of the missionaries on the field. I want to tell you about our home-made treasure chest. It measures about 4 and a half feet long, 2 and a half feet wide, and 2 and a half feet deep, and is made of pine. One of our women had the idea and stood by while her husband and son sawed the boards. The top is put together with glue and makes a pretty pattern. We sanded it inside and out and varnished it with a clear varnish. It looks like maple. It has rollers on the bottom and can be moved about easily and also has a little lock. The cost was less than ten dollars, but it's worth its weight in gold. —P.S. We can use two dozen of the W.M.C. hand books, if you have them."

A young married women's W.M.C. group has been started at Bethany Park among the veterans' wives. They are welcoming the opportunity to get together for fellowship and have something to do to help others. There were 16 present at the first meeting.

Among the thank-you notes from home missionaries who received things at the convention, this one expresses the sentiments of all: "This is just a line to say hello and to tell you how much we are enjoying the canned goods and dried apricots (as well as prunes and nuts) that the W.M.C. gave us at the Stockton convention. I forgot to ask you who to write and thank for the things, but we certainly are finding them delicious and

such a help to our food bill as prices are very high up here in the mountains."

A very interesting letter came from Sister Emma Decker in Bremen, Germany. She has been able to enjoy a long-looked-for vacation visiting her relatives in Switzerland and tells of the good response to Bible courses in Stuttgart where she was working with Brother and Sister Bard. Of course there is opposition when the truth of God's word is preached, but God is saving souls and filling hungry hearts and she adds that it is really wonderful to work with people who want the Word and believe as we do in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She will appreciate the prayers of the W.M.C. groups.

Then, from our former W.M.C. president at El Cerrito and Garberville, Mrs. Rosemary Goins, who is now laboring for the Lord in Lihue, Hawaii, comes the word that the Lord is answering prayer, that property has been purchased, a chapel with connecting parsonage is being built and the Lord is adding to their numbers. They are praying that the revival which has been sweeping over the islands of Oahu will also touch Kauai and ask an interest in our prayers. As far as they know, only one person, other than Christian workers, has received the Holy Spirit.

In February a W. M. C. luncheon was given by the women of the First Assembly of God at Vallejo. Miss Eileen Edwards who is planning to return to her chosen field, India, and is being "adopted" by the Vallejo group, was the guest speaker. Your president gave a report of W.M.C. activities. The Napa W.M.C. was invited to enjoy the afternoon of fellowship and missionary interest.

Sectional Directors names have not come in yet from all the sections, so we are listing only those we have heard from, which are as follows: North San Joaquin, Mrs. T. J. Custock, 315 E. Walnut St., Lodi; East Bay, Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson, P. O. Box 696, El Cerrito; Lassen-Plumas, Mrs. W. C. Ross, Box 887, Westwood; Nevada, Mrs. Carl Anderson, Box 198-3, Hawthorne; Nevada; South San Joaquin, Mrs. J. C. Snyder, Rt. 2, Box 57, Kerman; Peninsula, Mrs. E. R. Gomes, 1031 King St., Redwood City; North Bay, Mrs. Albert Ruedger, 715 Franklin St., Napa; Capital, Mrs. E. W. Knutson, Box 442, Lincoln; Sacramento Valley, Mrs. Ben Givens, Box 391, Live Oak; Lake and Mendocino, Mrs. Fred Alford, Boonville; Coast Counties, Mrs. R. P. Murray, 219 Garfield St., Santa Cruz; Shasta, Mrs. A. Rowley, Box 1431, Weed; Redwood, Mrs. C. J. Larson, 119 Seventh St., Eureka.

Mrs. R. J. T.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS SPRING CONVENTION IN REDDING - APRIL 13-14-15

JOHN TINSMAN EVENING SPEAKER

Recently returned from the war-torn Island of Ambon. Hear this experience and the account of an outstanding work of the Holy Spirit.

ALL MEETINGS IN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

- FRIDAY AFTERNOON — FREE TOUR OF SHASTA DAM
(Tours leaving Auditorium at 2 P. M. and 3 P. M.)
- FRIDAY NIGHT — GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE
— CHOIR — QUARTET — TRIO — INSTRUMENTALISTS
- SUNDAY A. M. — OFFICERS' BREAKFAST
- SUNDAY P. M. — SPEED-the-LIGHT RALLY!

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RECORDS

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The business man depends on his book-keeper to give him the proper figures so he can tell just what his business is doing. So must the superintendent and pastor have adequate records. Good records are like good Christian living. If you can live a good Christian life for one day then you can do it for two, etc. If you can keep good records for one Sunday, you can do it for two Sundays.

The Individual Record Slip—

The individual record slip is the very best way of starting, at least, to keep good records. If this slip is made out right, then the rest comes quite easily and does not or rather need not take up much time. The record slip reveals much to the observing superintendent and pastor.

After all is said and done, you cannot have a better school than your records show, for they reveal all the activities of the class, school, and church. So let's keep records.

WIN IN THE BIG 1951 C. A. HERALD SILVER JUBILEE SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

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GRAND PRIZE—One year's tuition at C.B.I.

SECOND PRIZE—Free, expense-paid trip to General Council in Atlanta, Georgia.

DISTRICT PRIZE—Free, expense-paid trip to Bethany Park Youth Camp.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR ALL—

50-99 Subs - Falcon Camera

150-199 Subs - Parker Desk Pen Set

100-149 Subs - Parker Pen

200-up Subs - Table Radio

The Council trip may be taken as the alternative Grand Prize, if the winner prefers.

All prizes are transferrable to other individuals.

RULES

WHEN? The contest will open on C. A. Day, April 8, 1951, and close on Memorial Day, May 30, 1951. No subscription entries postmarked before or after these dates will be counted.

WHO?—The contest will be on an individual basis and is open to everyone. It is not limited to those of C.A. age.

HOW? Prizes will be on the basis of total number of year-subscriptions to the C. A. HERALD.

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